

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
E. COLE ET AL.) Examiner: (Anticipated) L. Di Nola Baron
Application No.: Unassigned) Group Art Unit: (Anticipated) 1615
Filed: April 17, 2001)
For: ENTERIC AND COLONIC)
DELIVERY USING HPMC CAPSULES)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This amendment is being filed with the application to properly cross-reference the related applications. Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment.

Please amend the specification as follows:

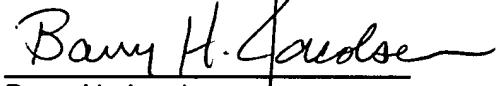
IN THE SPECIFICATION

After the title but prior to Line 2, please insert:

"This application is a continuation of application SN 09/396,225 filed on September 15, 1999, which claims priority to Provisional Application SN 60/102,017 filed on September 28, 1998."

If the Examiner has any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney at (973) 385-7072.

Respectfully submitted,



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